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## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION **UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**



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FOR: RETAINING RING APPARATUS AND METHOD

## Enclosed are:

- <u>16</u> pages comprised of 1 cover sheet, 10 pages of specification, 4 pages of claims, [X]and 1 page of abstract
- Declaration & Power of Attorney [X]
- Priority Claimed from US Provisional Application No.60/324,526, filed September 26, X2002.
- Certified copy of\_
- [X] 3 sheets of drawings
- [X] An assignment of the invention to SPX Corporation, and the assignment recordation fee.
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- Copies of IDS Citations
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